

WISE INVESTMENT LIMITED - ETHICAL GROWTH

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MONTHLY FACTSHEET

all data as at 31st August 2024

PORTFOLIO OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY

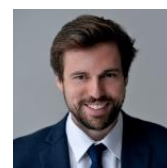
The Wise Ethical Growth Model Portfolio is designed for clients who are looking for a total return in line with the MSCI PIMFA Growth index over a 5 to 10-year period. We aim to achieve this by exclusively investing in a focussed list of ethical and sustainability-oriented funds (unit trusts, investment trusts and OEICs). These funds will have specific objectives of providing capital to businesses whose operations and activities either meet specific ethical standards or are engaged in improving the long-term sustainability of the earth's resources. The portfolio will have diversification across geography, asset class and investment style. The funds invest in real assets, such as company shares (listed both in the UK and overseas), property, fixed interest and cash. The Portfolio invests 60-100% in 'medium' risk assets, such as shares and property and can include up to 20% in 'high' risk assets such as shares in specific countries and industries. The Portfolio can also invest up to 40% in 'lower' or 'minimal' risk assets such as higher quality company debt and cash. We therefore consider the portfolio to be suitable for those willing to adopt a medium risk profile.

PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH (using month-end data)**CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE**

	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	5yr	Launch
Wise Ethical Growth Portfolio (P)	0.0%	3.5%	5.3%	16.0%	7.4%	38.8%	41.0%
MSCI PIMFA Growth	0.3%	2.9%	7.1%	16.4%	18.7%	41.9%	51.3%

DISCRETE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

	31/08/2023	31/08/2022	31/08/2021	31/08/2020	31/08/2019
Wise Ethical Growth Portfolio (P)	16.0%	0.6%	-8.0%	23.1%	5.1%
MSCI PIMFA Growth	16.4%	3.4%	-1.4%	21.6%	-1.8%

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**WILLIAM GEFFEN**

Head of Investment Management

William joined Wise Investment in November 2023 and has 4 years' experience in managing equity funds. His main responsibility is the selection of suitable investments for portfolios and ensuring our investment service meets your requirements.

William successfully passed all three level of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) exams gaining the qualification in 2021.

Key Portfolio Details

Launch Date	26th June 2018
Holdings	9
Historic Yield¹	2.1%
Volatility²	9.9%
Benchmark	MSCI PIMFA Growth
Model OCF³	0.5%
Service Charge⁴	1.9%

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1 The Historic Yield is the weighted average yield of the model based on the model's current constituents

2 Volatility is the annualised monthly volatility of the model portfolio to the most recent month end over a 3 year period or since launch if this period is less than 3 years

3 The Model OCF calculates the annual charges levied by the underlying fund holdings according to the model portfolio weights

4 The Service Fee incorporates the model OCF, the standard non-tiered annual fees levied by Wise Investments Limited and custodian fees, of which this is the highest possible fee. Further details of these charges are disclosed to clients investing in the model portfolios.



MONTHLY COMMENTARY

August was a very volatile month for investors seeing some extreme market moves precipitated by events in Japan. Japan for a long time has been cursed with stagnant growth but blessed with no inflation. As a result the Bank of Japan (BOJ), among other initiatives has held interest rates at near 0% for a long time, while the rest of the world has had relatively high interest rates (~5%) to combat post-covid (and post Ukraine invasion) inflation. This led to a rather valuable “carry trade” where investors and speculators would borrow Japanese yen at near 0% and invest it in GILTs, Treasuries (at 5%) or Japanese stocks – the latter of which has benefitted from recent moves by the Tokyo exchange to strengthen corporate governance and push for growth.

Recently, however the BOJ did raise rates (very slightly) while other central banks have begun (or look set to begin) cutting rates. As Japanese stocks slid through July and early August, this put pressure on those who had borrowed to buy stocks as their interest payments were increasing and the equity position was diminishing. On the Monday 5th this hit a breaking point causing the Japanese index to snap down 12% in one day and other markets to follow with mid-single digit % drops themselves. Markets (including Japan) bounced back sharply as thankfully the issue wasn't too widespread however it has shown that markets, particularly those which are looking a bit extended, are perhaps more fragile than widely thought.

In the end most equity markets actually had a fairly decent month thanks to an extended recovery through the mid and latter part of the month with world equities up 0.3%. The US market was up 0.1%, UK up 0.7% and Europe up the most at 1.8% in sterling terms – worth noting that the US return was muted from the pound strengthening 2.3% vs the US dollar.

Japan did still end the month down but only -1.8%. Emerging markets didn't have a great month either and ended down -0.7%.

Fixed income was fairly steady with gilts returning 0.4%, corporate bonds returning 0.3%, and high yield pulling in a strong 1.2% return. Real estate saw 0.2% and 0.3% return for liquid real estate and direct real estate respectively.

Looking forward, we remain cautious on global equities, especially given recent volatility particularly in the US and Japanese markets and preferring the valuations and back drop of other markets such as the UK equity market. Upcoming rate cuts, however, should provide broad support.

In fixed income, we now look to be headed into the cutting part of the cycle where the question becomes, how quickly and deeply will central banks cut. We believe that cuts will not perhaps go as quick and far as markets seem to be predicting and should see a normalising yield curve (which is currently rather flat) thus the ideal spot is likely to be to position in the central “belly” of the curve as appropriate to portfolio time horizons and risk tolerance.

The Ethical Growth model returned -0.01%, behind the 0.34% return for the benchmark (PIMFA Growth).

The model's monthly performance was again impacted by timing discrepancies, as UK listed funds typically price themselves at 12 a.m. before the US markets close. As a result, the strong performance of the US market on the last day of the month was not fully captured in the model's returns. For instance, Vanguard ESG Developed World All Cap Equity Index fund return of just 0.06% while the very similar MSCI World Index, which represents the global equity portion of the benchmark, gained +0.32%. However, this effect is expected to reverse in the following month as the timing differences balance out.

Strategically we continue favour a strategy of strong core global equity exposure via the low fee passive Vanguard ESG developed world all cap equity index fund as well as the Fundsmith Sustainable Equity fund. This more volatile exposure is moderated by high quality and shorter dated bonds in the fixed income portion of the portfolio.

In terms of portfolio positioning, we have slightly reduced the position in the Vanguard ESG developed world all cap equity index fund down 5% due to concern over the seemingly stretched valuations in the US (which makes up 70% of the index) and in particular the concentrated position the fund has in a handful of megacap technology companies.

Tactically, we maintain our position Aegon Ethical Equity fund to capture the substantial discount we see in the UK market along with a small position in the Castlefield sustainable UK smaller companies fund. We also maintain a 5% position in the AB International Healthcare fund to take advantage of the attractive valuations in the healthcare sector – a sector that also has enjoyed strong long-term returns due to the high quality nature of many healthcare businesses and the steady secular growth trends they are exposed to (e.g aging populations).

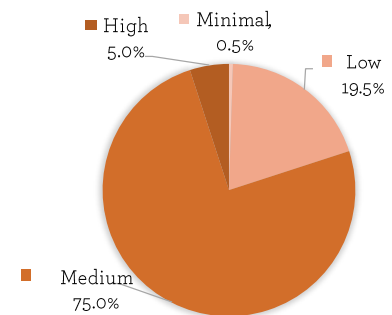
We also have a modest 5% position in Schroder Global Cities Real Estate fund as we continue to see value in this down beaten asset class as shown by the depressed prices in commercial properties and large net asset value discounts in listed real estate trusts.

The Ethical Growth model is more or less in line with its benchmark on a 1yr basis, returning 16.3% vs 16.4% for the PIMFA Growth Benchmark and remains behind on a 3yr rolling basis.

HOLDINGS

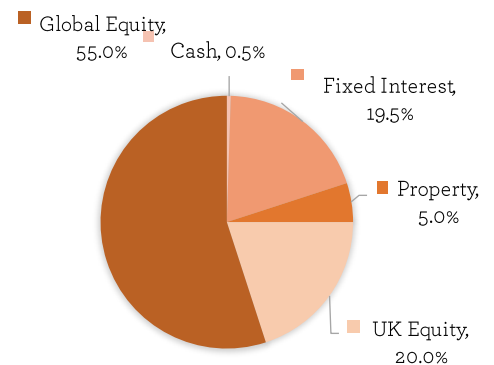
Name	Weight	OCF
TwentyFour Monument Bond	5.0%	0.39%
TwentyFour Sustainable Short term bond	14.5%	0.36%
Schroder Global Cities Real Estate	5.0%	0.93%
CFP Castlefield Sustainable UK Smaller Comp:	5.0%	0.94%
Aegon Ethical Equity	15.0%	0.77%
Fundsmith Ethical	15.0%	0.96%
Vanguard ESG Developed World Equity Index	35.0%	0.20%
Alliance Bernstein International Healthcare	5.0%	0.95%
Cash	0.5%	0.00%

RISK ALLOCATION



For Asset Risk Category definitions see the Wise Investment Risk Appendix, supplied to investors in the model portfolios.

ASSET ALLOCATION



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Portfolio returns from the Wise Investment Model Portfolio Service will be subject to investment market fluctuations and there is no guarantee that the portfolio objectives, including any income targets, will be achieved. Where income is received as dividends, these will be automatically reinvested in the Model Portfolio, which may result in the Model Portfolio returns being higher than what a client portfolio can actually achieve. The performance will be reduced by the withdrawal of income and the impact of the ongoing charges and portfolio transaction costs. The charges can vary. Prices of funds and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Consequently, an investment into this portfolio should be considered for a 5 to 10 year period. The funds may invest in higher-yielding or non-investment grade bonds. The funds may hold investments denominated in currencies other than sterling. Changes in exchange rates will cause the value of these investments and the income from them to rise or fall. The funds can use derivatives for investment purposes. These instruments can be more volatile than investment in equities or bonds. Every effort is taken to ensure the accuracy of the data used in this document, but no warranties are given. Wise Investment has expressed its own views and these may change. The data contained in this document has been sourced by Wise Investment and should be independently verified before further publication or use. Wise Investment is a trading brand of Wise Investments Ltd. Wise Investments Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Ref no. 230553.

